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GOVERNOR WILLSON ISSUES PARDON TO TAYLOR FINLEY AND OTHERS.

Petition of Thousands Filed in their Favor.

Gov. May Never Again Return to His Native State.

At a late hour last Friday afternoon Gov. Augustus E. Willson, by one stroke of his official pen, ended forever the persecution of Governor W. S. Taylor for alleged complicity in the assassination of Senator Goebel by granting him full and free pardon of the charge which has hung over him for the past nine years.

The Governor also granted pardons to John Powers, brother of Caleb Powers, indicted as an accessory to the crime; to Holland Whitaker, of Butler county; to John Davis, of Louisville, and to Zach Steele, of Bell county. Whitaker, Davis and Steele never left the State. While Taylor and Finley have lived outside the Commonwealth, John Powers, it is said, has been roaming about in Honduras.

Those over whom indictments are left hanging are Whorton Golden, of Knox county, now in Colorado; Frank Cecil, of Bell county, now a railroad detective in St. Louis, and William H. Culton, of Owsley county, said to have died recently in the West. These cases, with the possible exception of that of Cecil, will, it is said, be dismissed.

The action of the Governor will be joyous news to the thousands of citizens throughout the State who have appealed to him to exercise his pardoning power in the cases of the men accused of the killing of Goebel. The petitions which were sent to the Governor were signed not alone by Republicans, but by Democrats and men of every political faith.

For nine years Gov. Taylor has been an exile from the State which gave him birth, and from the people who elected him their Chief Executive. By night and by day he has lived in the constant fear of death or kidnapping. The charge of murder has hung over him, turning his hair white and shattering his health. All these years he has been a hunted man. Perhaps imprisonment or death itself would have been preferable to the suffering that he has endured.

The wife of Gov. Taylor, unable to withstand the disgrace which she felt over the conditions which forced her husband to become an exile, pined away, leaving him alone to bear his sorrows. It has been said that Gov. Taylor has felt so deeply and so keenly the fact that he has been compelled to live as an exile from his State that he has made the statement that he doubted whether he would ever return.

Gov. Taylor crossed the boundary line of Kentucky into Indiana shortly after the Supreme Court of the United States refused to take jurisdiction in the litigation involving the right of the Democrats to hold the State offices. This had the effect of leaving the Democrats in power. Gov. Taylor's indictment for the murder of Goebel followed in the Franklin Circuit Court, and frightened beyond description, he sought the advice and counsel of friends in Louisville.

Every since the shot rang out that killed Goebel the shooting has been the basis of the issues in every political campaign in Kentucky. The races between J. C. W. Beckham and John W. Yerkes in 1900, between Beckham and Morris B. Bell in 1903, and then between Gov. Willson and S. W. Hager in 1907, were made with the killing of Goebel the dominant issue.

On learning of the action of Governor Willson Indianapolis friends gathered at the Taylor home Friday night to congratulate Miss Anna Taylor, the former Governor's eldest daughter, upon the pardon of her father.

"The news is almost too good to be true," she said.

"I have always longed to go back to Kentucky to the old home. Of course, since the death of my mother there would not be the same, but there is no spot in the world like one's native State. I don't know about going back to Kentucky. I shall go

wherever my father goes."

"I may return to Kentucky for a visit," said Mr. Taylor, "but probably will not remain there. I do not believe that I have a personal enemy in the State, and in my judgment I could go back there without fear of personal violence."

Following is the text of the reason Governor Willson gives for extending executive clemency to former Governor Taylor.

"William Goebel was nominated for Governor of Kentucky in 1899 in the Democratic Convention held at Music Hall in Louisville, of which Judge Redwine was permanent Chairman. This nomination drove many Democrats from the support of their ticket, and in the campaign which followed the greatest bitterness was between the Democrats who were for and against Goebel.

"William S. Taylor was nominated for Governor by the Republican State Convention without factional struggle and made an earnest campaign marked by fine public spirit and free from bitterness in which the chief issue between the two parties was on the election law, called after its author, the Democratic nominee, The Goebel Election Law.

"At the election many Democrats voted for Taylor as the surest way to defeat Goebel and many stayed away from the polls and did not vote at all.

"The State Election Board, composed of the venerable Judge William S. Pryor Judge of the Court of Appeals for more than a quarter of a century and loved and respected by all of the people of Kentucky; Hon. W. T. Ellis an ex-Confederate soldier and ex-member of Congress, and Mr. Charles B. Poyntz, all three Democrats and men who had voted for William Goebel canvassed the return and found that Taylor had a majority of about 3,000 and by the vote of two of the three members Judge Pryor and Capt. Ellis, gave the certificate of election to Gov. Taylor who was duly inaugurated and began his service as Governor.

"After some delay William Goebel began the contest of William S. Taylor's election and the greatest party passion and most intense feeling and discussion followed throughout the whole Commonwealth. It is hard to realize now, nine years after these troubles, how intense the feeling was nor what desperate passion were aroused. It was almost civil war, and neighbor was set against neighbor in every part of the Commonwealth. For many months law-abiding people everywhere were in constant fear lest tidings should come of an open outbreak and mortal clash between the members of the hostile parties.

"The contest in the General Assembly was close, and was believed to depend at last on the votes of two or three men; but Gov. Taylor and his friends firmly believe that they would finally vote against the contest, when suddenly the news broke upon the State of the murder of William Goebel, and in the storm of passion which that crime excited all conservatism and restraint were swept away. The usual orderly methods of procedure under the law were disregarded; domestic violence and danger were imminent.

"There is no need to try to tell again, in this statement, all the story of that time of trial and trouble. It is enough to say that in some way, a record was made to show that the General Assembly sustained the contest of William Goebel, which overthrew the State election, and removed Gov. Taylor from office. The courts held that they could not go behind that record, and that determined the possession of the office.

"The murder of William Goebel destroyed every chance of Gov. Taylor's winning the contest and every sensible man felt this at the time. No man of common sense or any knowledge of public feeling could have thought any other result possible. It was the worst crime in our history, and it did

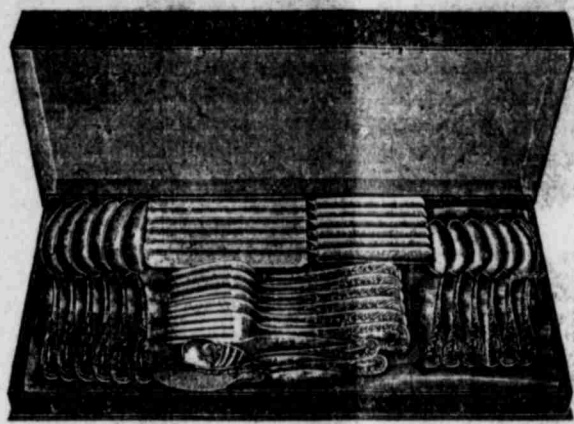
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Extends Thanks.

Dear Republican:—I have received my nice Jewel box, with which I am highly pleased. You will please accept my sincere thanks for same. It is a beauty; will say it was far beyond my expectations. With respect,

SADIE T. HALL.

Beautiful 26 Piece of Rogers' Silverware Third Special Prize.



The contestant turning in the largest number of votes between April 24th, and May 8th, at 6 o'clock p. m., will be awarded a 26 piece set of Rogers silverware. This is one of the handsomest and most valuable presents yet offered by us during our grand Piano contest. Every new subscriber will secure 1,000 votes; every renewal 800, and for every \$1.00 turned in between April 24th and May 1st, at 6 o'clock p. m. 1,000 EXTRA VOTES WILL BE AWARDED. 900 extra votes will be given for each \$1.00 turned in between May 8th and 15th, diminishing 100 votes each week thereafter until close of contest. Remember these votes count on the Piano contest as well as in the special prize award. All former prize winners are barred in this special prize offer. It will be seen from the above offer that the next few weeks will be the best time to secure votes and we trust that all the contestants will put in some good work between now and May 8th.

OHIO COUNTY WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Established at Meeting at Beaver Dam, Delivery to be Made at that Point.

The wool growers of Ohio county met at Beaver Dam April 24 for the purpose of forming a County Wool Growers' Association. House was called to order by County President S. L. Stevens. Mr. Stevens stated the object of the meeting, after which Mr. E. C. Baird was elected temporary chairman and D. M. Stewart temporary secretary. House then proceeded to business. It was decided this was only a wool growers meeting none but wool growers be allowed to participate. Mr. Stevens was then called for and responded giving a very enthusiastic report of the meeting at Elizabethtown.

It was moved and seconded to retain Mr. S. L. Stevens as director for the county which carried unanimously. It was also agreed that he make a sale of our Wool at the meeting at Louisville if such sale could be made satisfactorily.

Moved by Hershall Porter and seconded by Mr. James Cecil that this organization be made a permanent county organization and the secretary be ordered to send Wool pledges to all locals in the county and that they be signed and returned to our County Secretary, C. E. Smith, not later than May 8.

Moved and seconded that our director ask buyers to furnish socks for our wool. Motion carried. Several good talks were then given by Messrs. John Chinn, James Cecil, F. W. Pirtle and others, as to the manner of handling our wool to obtain the best prices.

It was then moved and seconded that Beaver Dam be made the point of delivery for the county. Motion carried.

The body extended their thanks to Mr. K. V. Williams for his kindness in allowing us the use of his house to hold our meeting in.

Meeting adjourned to meet at Hartford May 8. All wool growers of the county are urged to attend their meeting.

E. C. BAIRD, President.
D. M. Stewart, Secretary.

New Millinery Establishment.

Mrs. I. A. Lee has recently opened a splendid line of Millinery at Cromwell, where she will be pleased to serve all customers with the very latest patterns in hats and everything pertaining to her line at the most reasonable prices. Call and examine her line before purchasing elsewhere. No trouble to show or try on hats.

HARTFORD COLLEGE CLOSING EXERCISES.

Spillman Riggs The Character Delineator Secured.

The closing exercises of Hartford College which will be held week after next, are expected to be fully up to the high standard heretofore made by this school. The first evening will be given over to the first four grades and will consist in dialogues etc. The second evening will be occupied by the next four grades in a similar manner. The third evening will be occupied by advanced pupils who will attempt something in the dramatic. The last evening will consist in the awarding of diplomas to the graduating class and humorous lecture by Spillman Riggs who comes under the direction of the Central Lyceum Bureau. Mr. Riggs has a world wide reputation as an orator and character delineator. His subject will be "Musical Fits and Misfits." He is absolutely unique as a lecturer and cannot be compared with any man now on the platform. The American Lyceum Union says: "During his fifteen years on the platform work he has never failed to give entire satisfaction and we book him on this positive guarantee."

Death of Mrs. Henry Aull.

A telegram from Bowling Green to Capt. S. K. Cox, yesterday afternoon announced the death of Mrs. Henry Aull who was a niece of Mrs. Cox. Her death was not unexpected, as she had been in failing health for a long time. Mrs. Aull was formerly Miss May Moseley and was born and raised in Hartford, being a daughter of Mrs. Jennie Moseley, who until a few years ago was a resident of our town. Mr. Aull is a son of Esquire A. S. Aull, and was born at Sulphur Springs, this county and for many years was in the drug business in Hartford. The burial and interment will take place at Bowling Green to-day at 3 p. m. Mrs. Cox left yesterday afternoon to be present at the funeral. The death of Mrs. Aull will be sad news to the many friends of the family in Ohio county.

RENDER.

April 26.—Born to the wife of Arthur Dowell a girl on the 13th inst. Mother and child doing well, Arthur is all smiles.

Jas. Hardin of this place was hurt in the Mines at McHenry last week by mining some loose coal which fell on him.

G. W. Burton went to Luzerne last Wednesday.

W. B. Alexander of Central City, was here last Wednesday.

Carl Robison returned to his home

at Louisville Sunday after visiting his father, Rev. N. C. Robison for the past week.

Wm. and Berry Hardin of Deanfield were here last Wednesday and Thursday.

Gus Rock and Hywel Davyl of Louisville were here last Thursday.

S. F. Howey, of Central City was here Friday.

J. C. Gillian of Louisville, and J. M. DeWeese of Hartford, were here Saturday.

L. Francis was in Central City Saturday on business.

R. M. Gwyn and Simon Stephens were in Taylor Mines Sunday.

Rev. N. C. Robison preached an able and interesting sermon at Williams Mines Sunday night.

J. C. Campbell of Central City and Roy Amendt of Fordsville were here yesterday.

Frank Sullenger, of Hartford was here to-day.

Success to the Republican proud of its improvement, newest and best paper in the county.

FOR THE BUSY READER.

Forty-six persons are said to have lost their lives during the earthquake shocks recently at Lisbon, Portugal.

Mark Twain has declined an invitation to attend the battleship Mississippi celebration at Natchez.

Herdin S. Sharp of St. Charles, Ky., committed suicide by placing his toe against the trigger of a shotgun and blowing his head off.

Judge Hart overruled the motion for a new trial in the Cooper murder case at Nashville and an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court.

Iseac S. Morse was shot to death at Nashville by Miss Gertrude Douglas. The girl declared after the killing that Morse had ruined her and then thrown her over.

James Thomas Williams, Jr., of South Carolina, has been appointed a Civil Services Commissioner by President Taft. Mr. Williams succeeds Henry F. Greene, who resigned several weeks ago.

Broughton Brandenburg, after a conference with his counsel, has decided to surrender the Cabanne boy to his father, though at first Brandenburg insisted that he would make a fight to keep the youngster.

On the application of counsel Judge Hazel in the United States Court at Buffalo appointed receivers for the H-O Company of that city. The company is capitalized at \$2,000,000 and he a bonded indebtedness of about \$1,800,000.

The Rev. J. W. West, superintendent of the Kentucky Anti-Saloon League, has resigned and will leave the State resting under charge of ungentlemanly conduct brought by two little girls at Catlettsburg. Dr. West admits what he describes as indiscretions.

Delaware county, Ind., voted "dry" in a county option election by a majority of about 2,900. Muncie, the county seat, gave the "drys" a majority of over 200. The result of the election was awaited with great interest, as Muncie is so far the largest Indiana city to vote on the saloon question. More than eighty saloons will be closed.

No matter what fair course the Republicans might elect to pursue during the consideration of the Payne bill, at least some of the Democrats will accuse them of unfairness. Men of this type, whether in or out of Congress, are not entitled to much consideration. The responsibility, in the instance cases on the Republicans and they should wear it in a fair and faithful way.

The jury in the Beach Hargis case, after being out nearly twenty-four hours, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and fixing his punishment at life in the penitentiary. The patricide showed little emotion when the verdict was read, although his mother, who had stood by him so valiantly, had an expression of disappointment. The attorneys for Hargis, after a consultation, decided to apply for a new trial and Judge Adams will hear the motion. In case a new trial is refused the case will be taken to the Court of Appeals.

STANDING OF THE CONTESTANTS

Ten or Twelve Young Ladies Have Almost Equal Chance

The young ladies who are contesting for the piano which has been offered by The Republican have been making great headway in the last few weeks. The special prize, a gold watch was won by Miss Mabel Ashley, last Friday. In another column will be found an account of the next special prize which will be awarded to the one receiving the highest number of votes between the 24th of April and May 8. This prize will also no doubt create a great deal of rivalry among the contestants. No such offers were ever made by any newspaper in this part of Kentucky. The presents are so costly that no matter how great an increase of circulation it may bring to our paper, we will have to be content with the mere fact that our circulation is increased enormously, as the outlay for the presents will more than offset the financial increase.

We give herewith the vote which has been received by each candidate up to yesterday afternoon. Many of the candidates have had friends who have been working for them and have turned in a great many votes without the knowledge of the various candidates and some of them will no doubt be surprised at the vote which they have received:

Lillian Monroe	58,900
Mabel Ashley	55,620
Mae Borah	46,800
Irene Davis	44,670
Bessie King	39,510
Ida Paxton	32,000
Gertie Moore	31,300
Sadie T. Hall	31,000
Grace Turley	29,500
Jessie Park	28,700
Myrtle Carter	26,800
Madie Potts	25,500
Ethel Rowe	25,430
Ollie Thomas	15,000
Harriet Sandefur	2,000
Ethel Hunter	2,400

Miss Vada Render, who started in the contest has received over 30,000 votes, but owing to the fact that she is compelled to leave the county for the purpose of taking a course in school she withdrew from the contest a short while ago.

It will be seen from the above list that many of the contestants are very close in point of votes and success is within the reach of any one who will put forth extra efforts within the next three or four weeks. In the meantime we trust all our contestants will be able to visit our office and examine the beautiful piano.

Negro's Skull Fractured.

A fight occurred among the members of a work crew on the M. H. and E. railroad, about a mile from Fordsville, Tuesday afternoon in which two negroes were injured, one of them perhaps fatally. When communicated with the marshal of Fordsville was unable to give the names and the negroes had been taken back to the boarding cars, some distance in the country. No arrests have been made.

The facts concerning the fight appear to be that one of the negroes advanced upon another with a drawn knife. The negro who was attacked struck at his assailant with a spike pole and succeeded not only in knocking his assailant senseless, but broke the skull of a third negro who occupied the role of innocent bystander.

PRENTIS.

April 27.—The warm days have put some of the farmers in a notion to begin planting corn.

Mr. Robert Swain, of Centretown, spent Saturday night with his parents.

Mr. Richard Taylor, wife and little daughter, Ruby spent Sunday at Mr. P. A. Swain's.

Misses Maud Jarnagin and Onice Bracken spent Sunday at G. W. Leach's.

Misses Tina Burgess and Mae Leach went to Beaver Dam last week.

Mrs. Lillie Gentry and children were the guests of J. R. Burgess Sunday.

There was a large crowd of young people at prayer meeting Sunday night.